Whenever any complaints are received oil companies take immediate and prompt action to rectify the complaints.

Newsitem caption "Why Mortagage Oil" Oill"

3921. SHRI INDER KUMAR GUJRAL: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the write-up in the Hindustan Times of 16th July, 1992 under the caption "Why Mortagage Oil"; and

(to) if so, what is Goeernrntnt's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The offer of discovered oil/gas fields for development through involve ment of private capital is intended to aceelerat the exploitation of established reserves.

Allotment of L.P.G. to physically handicapped persons

3922. DR. NARREDDY THULASI. REDDY; Witt the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to Mate;

(a) whether it is a fact that some quota is reserved for allotment of LPG agencies to the physically-handicapped persons;

(b) if so, the number of such people who have been allotted LPG agencies during the last two years;

(c) whether any record is maintained in respect of such persons to check any default on their part; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHAN-*KARANAND):* Yes,Sir.

(b) One.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Dose not arise.

Estimated gas at Krishna Gadavari Basin

3923. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) wha was the origianal ONGC estimate of availability of gas at Krishna Qodavari basin;

(b) whether it is -, fact that there has beeh a revisiin in the original estimates; and

(c) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) 5.89 MMSCMD, by 1994-95.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) While the earlier estimates included production from anticipated reserves, ONGC have new estimated a production of 3.2 MMSCMD, by the year 1996-97, on the basis of established reserves only.

Procedure for allotment of L.P.G, dealership

3924. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleas ed to state;

(a) whether there i_s any proposal under Government's consideration to revise the procedure for awarding L.P.G. dealership;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether there is any discretionary quota for awarding L.P.G. dealership; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND); (aS No, Sir.

' b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) Discretionary allotments a . i iade by Government on compassion-ane grounds etc.

Marketing or oil by multinatoinals

3925. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM; Will the Minister of PETRO-IV UM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether there is any proposal unci.,-Government's consideration to allow maltinationals in marketing oil and petrrtesum products in India;

(b) whether it is a tact that the small Oil Company has sent a proposal to diecctly market oil and petroleum products in India; and

(c) if so. what are the retails there-
Oil

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKADANAND); (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Yes Sir. Shell Oil Company has proposed that they would set up a fully owned marketing subsidiary for selling their lube products.

Raising the price of indigenous group

. 3926. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE.; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state;

(a) whether it is a fact that his Mini stry has urged the Cabinet Committee On Infrastructure (CO) to raise the price of indigenous crude oil:

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what decision Government have taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND); (a) No. Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Emploration of gas from Western Coast

3927. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN; Will the Minister of PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS be plsased to state;

(a) what is the natural gas potential on the Western Coast, Statewise and the potential exploited during each of \/*ni* last three years and the value of gas being wasted;

(b) what plan have been formulated for exploitation of gas potential on Western region during Eighth Five Year Plan;

(c) whether Government of Maharashtra have made some proposals for uttisation of natural gas, if so, the details thereof; and

(J) the reaction of Government thereto and the action taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND); (a) Gujarat is the only State on the Western Coast which is producing hydrocarbons, having established geological reserves of 195.4 billion QU. mts. of gas approx. The gas produced therein during the years 1989-90, 1990-91 and 1991-92 was approx, 1613, 1697 and 1898 million cu. mts. respectively.

(b) The major scheme being implemented to exploit the potential is Gandhar phase-II.

(c) Government of Maharashtra havpresented a proposal to bring 30 MMSGMD of offshore gas to a now landful point,. Usar, for supply of gas to industries in Konkan region.

(d) The proposal has to be examined in the context of gas availability in the region,

Sanctioning of L.P.G, connection

3928. SHRI RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the time taken for the actual delivery of the L.P.G, connection to the